



REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2600

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

Hiroshi Takano, et al.

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For: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN DEVICES

Examiner: John Manning

Art Unit: 2614

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In connection with the Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2004, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the following amendments and remarks below.